

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes a change to Fig. 21 to correct a misspelling therein. This sheet replaces the original sheet containing this drawing. Applicants are also submitting formal drawings herewith.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

Annotated Sheet Showing Change

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of the present application.

Upon review of the allowed application, Applicants noticed a typographical error in that "direction" is misspelled in Fig. 21. Applicants are correcting the spelling of this word in Fig. 21.

In addition, Applicants noticed a couple of typographical errors in the specification and abstract which Applicants propose to correct in this amendment. As explained below, no new matter is being added in these amendments, no substantial amount of additional work should be required to consider and enter this amendment, and the amendments are necessary for a proper, error-free disclosure. Accordingly, under 37 CFR 1.312, it is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered and allowed.

This amendment to the specification is to correct 5 instances in the application wherein a typographical error occurred and an extra zero was added to the listed ppm. In particular, "0.03" is being changed to "0.3" and "0.01" is being changed to "0.1." The amendments are not being made to the claims (which recite "0.3 ppm") but only to the specification and abstract. The recital in the claims is correct and was present in the claims as filed.

There are numerous places in the specification which support the corrected language (e.g. Claims 1, 4, 16, 28, 40, 52 as filed; page 3, lines 6, 20, 25; page 4, lines 6, 13; and page 10, line 7).

It is clear, for example, that on page 14, line 13 of the specification, the numeric value should be "0.3", not "0.03". From the context of the specification, it is apparent that "0.03" is a typographical error. In the embodiment mode in the specification, first, a manufacturing method and a condition are described (page 8, line 15 to page 9, line 9). Next, the tungsten film obtained in accordance with the method and the condition were analyzed, and the results of the analysis are shown in Table 1 and in Fig. 25. The specification explains in reference to Table 1 and Fig. 25 that

"the concentration of sodium (Na) in the tungsten film can be made equal to or less than 0.3 ppm, preferably equal to or less than 0.1 ppm." See page 10, lines 6 to 11 (emphasis added). However, on page 14, lines 12 to 17, it states that "[b]y using the tungsten film, in which the amount of sodium contained within the film is equal to or less than 0.03 ppm, ... the present invention can greatly increase the operating performance and the reliability of a semiconductor device provided with the TFT" (emphasis added). Hence, it is clear that "0.03" on page 14, line 12 is inconsistent with the disclosure leading up to this line and must be a typographical error wherein the numeric value should be "0.3", not "0.03". The other changes are similarly supported by the context of the specification.

Hence, there is clear support for the changes Applicants are proposing, and it is also clear based on the totality of the disclosure that these were typographical errors.

As only a few minor corrections are being made, which are clearly supported by the rest of the application, no substantial amount of additional work should be required to consider and enter this amendment. Further, the amendments are necessary for a proper, error-free disclosure.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered and allowed at this time.

If any fee should be due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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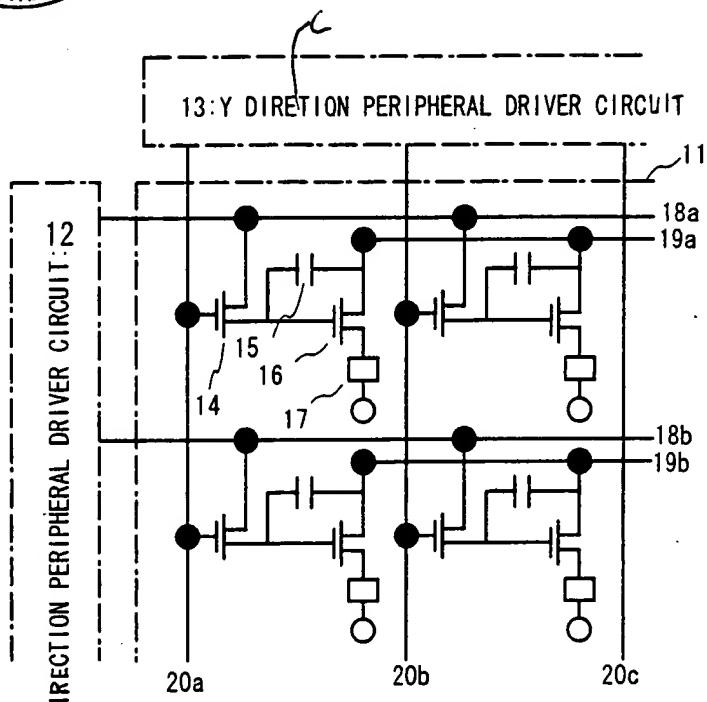


FIG. 21

